



## ***Waseda University, Study Abroad 2014-15***

### ***Waseda Fee based one-semester program at Boston University***

***Location:*** ***Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A.***

***Requirements:***

- Minimum TOEFL (iBT) requirement: ~~405~~  
TOEFL-ITP ~~4350~~ acceptable
- Nationality: Enrolment is open to students of any nationality, including of the US
- GPA: No specific GPA required

***Dates:*** September 2 – December 12

3 weeks Pre-Course and Fall Semester Core Class & Elective Classes

***Summary:***

The program at Boston University (BU) provides Waseda students with an opportunity to build a strong foundation in the English language through courses at the Center for English Language and Orientation Programs (CELOP). Students take a Core Class with one of four concentration choices – English Language and Culture, English for Academic Purposes, English for Science and Technology, or International Business English. They will also choose two Elective Classes from a list of classes offered at CELOP.

CELOP was established at Boston University in 1975. It is fully accredited by the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation (CEA). All CELOP instructors are Boston University faculty, hold graduate degrees in Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) or the equivalent, and have many years of experience teaching English to international students. In addition, many of CELOP's teachers are internationally recognized textbook authors and conference speakers.

Boston University is an internationally recognized institution of higher education and research. It is the fourth-largest independent university in the United States. All full-time CELOP students have access to all BU facilities and resources, such as: 18 libraries, the Geddes Language Center, the fitness and recreation center, several multimedia computer labs, free tutoring, academic advising, and career counseling.

The campus is centrally located in the city of Boston. It is close to many historic and cultural sites, and convenient to shopping and dining areas. It sits by the Charles River

in close proximity to various parklands, and the Boston Harbor. The distinctive neighborhoods of Boston are all easily accessible by public transportation including subway and bus transit systems.

### **Program Structure**

All courses will be taught by CELOP faculty members.

#### **Pre-Course**

18 hours per week (estimated 54 hours total)

The Pre-Course Class component of the program introduces the students to the United States and American educational expectations. Waseda students develop the skills, fluency and confidence needed to communicate effectively in English through content-based activities designed to prepare them for their fall semester CELOP classes. The Pre-Course will include an even balance of the six subjects specified below (approximately 9 hours per topic):

• Culture • Literature • History • Society • Media and Information • Current Topics

#### **Fall Semester Core Class**

15 hours per week (estimated 180 hours total)

The Core Class component of the program develops the skills, fluency and confidence needed to communicate effectively in English. The goal is to better prepare students to use English at work, in school or among international friends. Waseda students at the Intermediate level or below will enroll in the “English Language and Culture” concentration. Waseda students at the High Intermediate to Advanced level may concentrate in “English Language and Culture,” “English for Academic Purposes,” “English for Science/Technology,” and “International Business English.”

#### **Fall Semester Elective Classes**

10 hours per week (estimated 120 hours total)

Waseda students will select 2 courses from the Fall Semester elective options. Elective Classes may include:

• Intro to Political Science • Academic Writing • Media News • Intro to American Culture  
• Video Production • Pronunciation, Speaking, and Listening • Business Communication  
• The American Legal System • American Culture through Movies • Reading, Speaking, and Vocabulary

#### **Placement and Assessment**

Waseda students will complete a general assessment activity at the beginning of the Pre-Course and a comprehensive placement test at the beginning of the Fall semester to determine English level and class placement. At the conclusion of the program, CELOP provides a Boston University Certificate of Program Completion as well as a written evaluation of each student's progress to each student.

#### **Housing Options**

Waseda students may reside in BU Housing in a shared room (two or more people) in a dormitory-style residence. BU has ten dormitory-style residences, each accommodating a large number of students. These range from Danielsen Hall with 280 students, to the West Campus area with over 1,800 students. Most residences are coeducational. In most cases, men and women are housed in separate sections of the same floor with separate bath facilities or on separate floors within the residence.

### **Dining Plans**

Waseda students are enrolled in the **14-Plus Dining** plan. The 14-Plus Plan offers 14 meals per week and \$235 in dining points to be used for additional meals at the dining halls and retail restaurants on campus. The weekly meal allotment for these plans is reset just prior to breakfast on Friday each week, the start of the dining week during the academic year.

**Ten guest meals** per semester are included in all dining plans to encourage students to have friends, family, and other guests join in the quality dining experience offered at Boston University. Participants may also use their guest meals for themselves, if they choose.

**Dining Points** are part of the dining plan and are used like cash. Dining points can be used at on-campus dining locations and for pizza delivery. When at an on-campus dining location or ordering pizza, dining points are automatically deducted from the participant's account.

### **Student Life and Extracurricular Activities**

Waseda students will receive a Boston University ID card and full student membership to the BU community, including at no extra cost: computer labs, libraries, recreation rooms, the student union, student health services and the fitness center with swimming pools, exercise rooms, basketball/volleyball courts and a climbing wall.

Participants are encouraged to take part in CELOP activities and events as well as BU clubs, organizations, activities, events, trips, concerts, parties and local sports events. Many activities are included in the program fee, and participants can join other trips and activities at a reduced price.

Activities may include:

- Conversation Club • NBA/Celtics Game • Halloween Party • Karaoke Club • Ski Trip
- Thanksgiving Celebration • Short Story Club • Tour of Salem (Witch City)
- Culture Events: All About Japan Day • Salsa Dancing Lessons • Movie Nights
- Apple Picking Trip • Trip to the Waterfire Festival (Providence)
- Walking Tours of Boston • Neighborhoods • Whale Watching

### **Web Page**

<http://www.bu.edu/celop/waseda-ssa>